

legal responsibility for enforcing a criminal code including, police departments and sheriffs offices.

(i) A *locality* is a unit of general government—for example, a city, county, township, town, parish, village, or a combination of such units. Federally recognized Indian tribes are eligible to apply for grants as local units of government.

(j) *Runaway and homeless youth project* means a locally controlled human service program facility outside the law enforcement structure and the juvenile justice system providing temporary shelter, either directly or through other facilities, counseling and aftercare services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth.

(k) *Runaway youth* means a person under 18 years of age who absents himself or herself from home or place of legal residence without the permission of his or her family.

(l) *Short-term training* means the provision of local, State, or regionally based instruction to runaway or otherwise homeless youth service providers in skill areas that will directly strengthen service delivery.

(m) A *State* includes any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and any territory or possession of the United States.

(n) *Technical assistance* means the provision of expertise or support for the purpose of strengthening the capabilities of grantee organizations to deliver services.

(o) *Temporary shelter* means the provision of short-term (maximum of 15 days) room and board and core crisis intervention services, on a 24-hour basis, by a runaway and homeless youth project.

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Subpart B—Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Grant

§ 1351.10 What is the purpose of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant?

The purpose of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant is to

establish or strengthen existing or proposed community-based runaway and homeless youth projects to provide temporary shelter and care to runaway or otherwise homeless youth who are in need of temporary shelter, counseling and aftercare services. The Department is concerned about the increasing numbers of youth who leave, and stay away from, their homes without permission of their families. There is also national concern about runaway and homeless youth who have no resources, who live on the street, and who represent law enforcement problems in the communities to which they run. The problems of runaway or otherwise homeless youth should not be the responsibility of already overburdened police departments and juvenile justice authorities. Rather, Congress intends that the responsibility for locating, assisting, and returning such youth should be placed with low-cost, community-based human service programs.

§ 1351.11 Who is eligible to apply for a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant?

States localities, private entities, and coordinated networks of such entities are eligible to apply for a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant unless they are part of the law enforcement structure or the juvenile justice system.

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§ 1351.12 Who gets priority for the award of a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant?

In making Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grants, HHS gives priority to those private agencies which have had past experience in dealing with runaway or otherwise homeless youth. HHS also gives priority to applicants whose total grant requests for services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth are less than \$100,000 and whose project budgets, considering all funding sources, are smaller than \$150,000. Past experience means that a major activity of the agency has been the provision of temporary shelter, counseling, and referral services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth and their families, either directly or

through linkages established with other community agencies.

§ 1351.13 What are the Federal and non-Federal match requirements under a Runaway and Homeless Youth grant?

HHS requires a non-Federal share which is equal to at least 10 percent of the Federal funds that will be received under this grant program for any fiscal year.

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§ 1351.14 What is the period for which a grant will be awarded?

(a) The initial notice of grant award specifies how long HHS intends to support the project without requiring the project to recompete for funds. This period, called the project period, will not exceed three years.

(b) Generally the grant will initially be for one year. A grantee must submit a separate application to have the support continued for each subsequent year. Continuation awards within the project period will be made provided the grantee has made satisfactory progress, funds are available, and HHS determines that continued funding is in the best interest of the Government.

§ 1351.15 What costs are supportable under a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant?

Costs which can be supported include, but are not limited to, temporary shelter, referral services, counseling services, aftercare services, and staff training. Costs for acquisition and renovation of existing structures may not normally exceed 15 percent of the grant award. HHS may waive this limitation upon written request under special circumstances based on demonstrated need.

§ 1351.16 What costs are not allowable under a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant?

A Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant does not cover the cost of constructing new facilities.

§ 1351.17 How is application made for a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant?

HHS publishes annually in the FEDERAL REGISTER a program announcement of grant funds available under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Act. The program announcement states the amount of funds available, program priorities for funding, and criteria for evaluating applications in awarding grants. The announcement also describes specific procedures for receipt and review of applications. An applicant should:

(a) Obtain a program announcement from the FEDERAL REGISTER or from one of HHS's 10 Regional Offices in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, Denver, San Francisco, and Seattle;

(b) Obtain an application package from one of HHS's Regional Offices; and

(c) Submit a completed application to the Grants Management Office at the appropriate Regional Office.

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§ 1351.18 What criteria has HHS established for deciding which Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant applications to fund?

In reviewing applications for a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant, HHS takes into consideration a number of factors, including:

(a) Whether the application meets one or more of the program's funding priorities; (see § 1351.12)

(b) The need for Federal support based on the number of runaway or otherwise homeless youth in the area in which the runaway and homeless youth project is or will be located;

(c) The availability of services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth in the area in which the runaway and homeless youth project is located;

(d) Whether there is a minimum residential capacity of four and a maximum residential capacity not to exceed 20 youth with a ratio of staff to youth sufficient to assure adequate supervision and treatment;